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Masked man holds up Enviro Depot

CRIME A man with a gun who was wearing a Halloween style mask held up an Enviro Depot in Dartmouth yesterday afternoon.

Halifax Regional Police say they were called to the depot located at 12 Rosedale Dr. at 1:19 p.m. and learned a man entered the business and waved a handgun as he demanded cash. The suspect then pushed a staff employee and pointed the gun at him as he demanded the cash till be open or he would shoot.

Police say the suspect eventually left with an undisclosed amount of money and fled the area on foot.

No one was injured and police are still searching for the suspect.

High Holiday Pot on Parliament Hill



A demonstrator smokes marijuana yesterday on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. Thousands of people gather annually on 4-20 (April 20) on Parliament Hill and in cities worldwide to call for the decriminalization of marijuana.

Debate on parking rates put off again

COUNCIL Halifax Regional Council has deferred debate on potential parking rate hikes for the second week in a row.

Council voted last night to defer the debate, asking municipal staff to study the issue and possible alternatives more fully.

"I don't think staff have fully explored all the options," said South End Coun. Sue Uteck. "I just don't think ... it would be smart business to be increasing the parking meters at this time."

A staff report presented to council last week recommends increasing the Halifax parking meter rate by 50 cents per hour in both downtown Dartmouth and downtown Halifax.

The hikes would put an extra \$542,000 in HRM's coffers for 2010-11 and an estimated \$650,000 annually. The extra funds would be welcome news to the municipality, which is facing a \$32.4-million deficit this year.

But council appears hesitant to broach the subject. Last week, Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane asked council to defer the debate until local business associations could assess the economic impact of the hikes.

Last night, council heard from representatives of the Spring Garden Business Association and the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission, which say the hike would discourage consumers from shopping downtown.

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Gambling report dead

NDP deems paper on social costs of problem too 'confusing'

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The province has killed a report on the social costs of problem gambling and is refusing to make it public.

The Tories originally commissioned the \$212,000 report in 2007 to discover the true costs of problem gambling.

Shortly afterward, a government advisory board began criticizing the contractor's methodology. When the NDP received the final draft last year it decided the problems

were never fixed and the methodology was too flawed to be useful. The report was cancelled.

Despite paying two-thirds of the cost, or about \$140,000, the government is refusing to release the last draft of the study.

"We stopped it in its tracks when we realized it was not going to give us reliable information," said Industry Minister Marilyn More.

"I read the draft report and it was confusing, it didn't make sense. So I didn't feel that it was reliable enough to put out."

The province is still in

talks with report author Anielski Management and may have to pay even more for the stillborn study.

More insists the study is valueless and would do more harm than good if the public could see it.

"These are very sensitive issues. They have a huge impact on a number of Nova Scotian families," she said. "It just doesn't seem to make any sense to create anxiety and apprehension around information that just isn't accurate."

Liberal critic Leo Glavine said the report should be

released so Nova Scotians, particularly those in addiction services, can make their own decisions about its value.

He said the NDP is attempting to bury the study because it reveals disturbing elements about problem gambling in the province.

"Government is truly addicted to the revenue of VLTs and other forms of gaming as well," he said. "I think this report was going to be very revealing and it was going to require a change in direction around the way we do gaming in this province."

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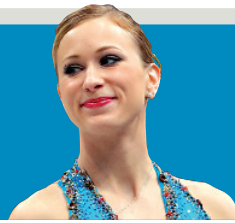


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Skating stars taking to ice tomorrow

Canadian Olympic bronze medalist Joannie Rochette, left, and gold medal ice dancers Terra Virtue and Scott Moir are among the performers coming to the Halifax Metro Centre for Stars On Ice tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Also taking to the ice are the likes of Kurt Browning, Jeffrey Buttle, and Jamie Sale and David Pelletier. Adult tickets range in price from \$32 to \$112 and are available at all Ticket Atlantic outlets, online at ticketatlantic.com or by phone at 451-1221.

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Suspect sought in Subway robbery

CRIME Police are looking for a man they say grabbed two bread-cutting knives from the counter of a Subway restaurant in Cole Harbour and proceeded to rob the restaurant.

Halifax RCMP say they were called to the Subway on Forest Hills Parkway at 11:45 p.m. after the man entered the store, grabbed the knives and threatened the lone employee with them. He also demanded cash, police say, and left with an undisclosed amount of money.

A K-9 unit tracked the suspect north, but police say the track disappeared, possibly because a getaway vehicle may have been waiting for him. Police say a witness saw a dark SUV circling the mall area just before the robbery.

Police say the suspect is skinny, five-foot-eight and was wearing a hoodie and dark-coloured pants.

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Waterfront project approved

Construction will begin next spring on hotel, condo complex

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for Metro Halifax

A \$75-million hotel and condominium complex for the Halifax waterfront has been given the green light.

The Waterfront Development Corporation Ltd. and the province announced yesterday they have approved the project that will see a "boutique hotel," 142 residential units and 75,000 square feet of retail space built between Salter Street and Bishop's Landing.

Construction is scheduled to begin in spring of next year, with the building's footings scheduled to be in place by June 2011.

The project could create as many as 900 direct and spin-off jobs, as well as more than \$7 million in federal, provincial and municipal tax revenues, according to a provincial government release.

Ralph Medjuck's Centennial Group Ltd. will take ownership of the 3.5-acre land, which currently houses a parking lot in two months.

The project is titled Salter Block and includes two "wave-shaped" buildings that are described as maintaining the view planes from Citadel Hill.

The 12-storey residential section of the buildings will scale down towards the water, providing boardwalk-level shopping.

Salter Block will also include a one-acre public park, operated by the WD-CL. The space is slated to provide a venue for the arts



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Economic and Rural Development Minister Percy Paris

and culture scene, as well as providing event and recreation opportunities for the general public.

Waterfront Development president Colin MacLean said the space will provide year-long recreational opportunities for Haligonians.

"There'll be a pond, and we're going to try a rink that will provide some winter-time activity," MacLean said. "It's a general sort of spot (that will) allow people



The Waterfront Development Corporation announced yesterday that the Centennial Group Ltd. will take custody of the land for the Salter Block development in June. The project, which will be next to Bishop's Landing, will be the largest development on the Halifax waterfront in a decade.

to really enjoy it throughout the whole year."

Economic and Rural Development Minister Percy Paris said the development is good news for Halifax — and beyond.

"I think it will certainly be a boon, not only for downtown but for all of Halifax," he said. "It will add another attraction for people who want to come to Nova Scotia."

Royal visit nixed due to ash concerns

ROYALTY Air-travel disruptions caused by volcanic dust flowing from Iceland over Europe has resulted in Princess Anne having to cancel her visit to Halifax this week.

Anne was scheduled to be in Halifax today and tomorrow to meet with the Canadian Forces Health Services leadership and participate in celebratory events for the 50th anniversary of the Canadian Forces Medical Service.

Anne is colonel-in-chief of the service.

"It's out of our control in terms of cancellation of the visit," said CFHS spokeswoman Lt.-Col. Anne Espenat. "It's very much volcano driven."

Anne was also to attend a fundraising reception for the Save the Children charity.

Around noon yesterday, Canadian Forces Base Halifax issued a release saying the royal visit was cancelled "due to flight safety reasons caused by volcanic dust."

"There's a lot of disappointment," Espenat said. "We've been planning for this for many months now and the unit was really, really excited."

"It's not something you get to do very often, exposure to one of the members of the royal family and our honorary colonel-in-chief."

Espenat said a re-invite for Princess Anne to Halifax could be made for 2011.

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Cape Breton Post paper carrier has run-in with coyote

A Cape Breton Post newspaper carrier encountered a coyote while on his route in Glace Bay yesterday. Police say the carrier phoned a friend when he discovered he was being followed by a coyote around 6 a.m. When police arrived, there was no sign of the animal. **CAPE BRETON POST**

Expensing mileage 'mistake': Dexter

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Premier Darrell Dexter had to make an embarrassing repayment to the public purse yesterday after the Liberals pointed out he expensed over 1,000 kilometres of mileage driven by his wife.

During the process of budget estimates, opposition parties elected to focus on the premier's office to pick apart expenses. The Liberals discovered one inappropriate expense Dexter called "a mistake pure and simple."

Last summer Dexter and his wife drove to Burlington, Vermont, so the premier could take part in a panel on Canada-U.S. relations at the Council of State Governments meeting.

The premier then flew to Regina for an annual meeting with other premiers. His wife drove back to Nova Scotia.



Premier Darrell Dexter speaks with reporters in this file photo from November. Dexter says he accidentally claimed mileage for a trip taken by his wife and will repay the money.

When expenses were filed, mileage was claimed for the full 2,374 kilometre round trip to Vermont at a cost of \$971. The return trip should not have been

expensed since Dexter wasn't in the vehicle.

Dexter thanked the Liberals for bringing the discrepancy to his attention and said he would immedi-

ately pay back \$485 and change.

He said a staff member would have filed the whole trip since it's unusual for the premier to only drive

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Darrell Dexter

half way. He said he must not have caught it when reviewing the expense form.

"Nobody's immune to making a mistake on a claim, and that includes me," said Dexter.

"I do my best to review them for their accuracy, to ensure they're done appropriately. Sometimes things slip through. Frankly it's embarrassing when it happens."

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said he was happy the premier is repaying the amount, but it shows there's a systemic lack of oversight around expenses. He specifically singled out the premier's office.

"I'd say they need to be more diligent on who's tracking what in that office," said McNeil.

Europe-bound lobster grounded by volcano being sent to U.S., Asia

SEAFOOD Thousands of pounds of Canadian lobster that couldn't be flown to Europe because of grounded flights will be sent to the United States and Asia.

Canada's largest shellfish exporter, Halifax's Clearwater Seafoods, says its revenues won't be pinched too much by the delays because it's a slow season for lobsters.

Clearwater CEO Colin MacDonald says his company would have been affected more if the volcano erupted a few weeks from now, during peak lobster season.

The crustaceans couldn't make the usual transatlantic trip to Europe because so many planes have been grounded by Iceland's recent volcanic eruption.

Lobsters makes up about 20 per cent of business for the company and about 30 per cent of those lobsters are sold in Europe.

MacDonald estimates the disruption has prevented about 10,000 pounds of lobster from being flown from Canada to Europe. That figure would have been in the hundreds of thousands during peak season. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Landry attacked for keeping prison lockdowns under wraps

PRISONS Justice Minister Ross Landry came under fire yesterday from the opposition for failing to reveal the province's largest jail had been locked down at least four times in the past three weeks.

Ross Landry said the lockdowns are a "routine part of business" at the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility.

But Liberal justice critic Michel Samson said the public has a right to know when the Burnside jail is locked down because it is an issue of public safety.

"We're very curious as to why there are lockdowns and we're not being advised of them," Samson said outside the legislature. "The public has a vested interest in knowing that our correctional facilities are safe work environ-

Should prison suicides be made public?

A jailhouse death has sparked debate about whether inmates committing suicide should be made public.

Justice officials announced Monday that Daniel Alexander Nowogorski, 31, died in the Central Nova Correctional Centre in Burnside over the weekend. They said only that foul play was not suspected.

Yesterday the man's mother told CBC News her son had hung himself and said she wanted to know how it could have happened.

Earlier in the day, Justice Minister Ross Landry refused

to comment on how Nowogorski died, saying it was under police investigation.

Landry was asked whether it would be revealed if it turned out to be a suicide. He implied it would not.

"If there's no foul play, that'll be the answer," he told reporters.

Police and media organizations typically have a policy of not reporting suicides. However, Liberal justice critic Michel Samson said jailhouse deaths should be treated differently.

Samson said prisoners are

ments for everyone involved."

Landry later refused to offer details of the incidents that led to the lockdowns, saying the infor-

mation could compromise security at the jail.

Joan Jessome, president of the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union which repre-

sents corrections officers at the facility, said the safety of guards was a "contributing factor" to one of the lockdowns on the Easter weekend.

Jessome said guards have not received new stab-proof vests that they've been promised and didn't feel safe working with the inmates out of their cells.

"It's a safety issue and officers had the right to refuse (to work) under the Occupational Health and Safety Act," Jessome said in an interview.

"So when they exercised their right to refuse, there wouldn't have been enough staff to keep the inmates out in the common area. So they would have been (kept) in their cells — and that would create the lockdown."

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News in brief

SHIP A petition being circulated to Save the Hector Heritage Quay is getting a strong response from the public, says the chairman of the Ship Hector Foundation. Faus Johnson said this week he estimates there are close to 1,000 names on the petition that began circulating last week after the foundation met with the town asking it to be opened this May. The Town of Pictou said at the end of March it can't afford to continue paying the costs of running the ship.

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A 13-year-old is facing charges of break and enter and trespassing at night after police say two male youths were spotted in the backyards of the 7000 block of Churchill Drive at 1:30 a.m. The 13-year-old is due in court at a later date. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

EARTH DAY The Halifax Regional Municipality is holding several events to recognize Earth Day tomorrow. Beginning at 10:30 a.m. on the Dartmouth waterfront, HRM will be hosting a stroll between the Dartmouth and Woodside ferry terminals, encouraging people to take a quick break from work and enjoy the fresh air. Festivities will continue with a community bike ride at noon, back and forth from Grand Parade to Dalhousie University's new bike centre. Before the bike ride, HRM Mayor Peter Kelly will announce \$1,000 in funding for the Ecology Action Centre's community gardens initiative, for soil and supplies. In addition to the funding, HRM will also help build a potato tower at Findley Community Centre in Dartmouth. Less delicious than it sounds, a "potato tower" is a vertical structure that houses a potato garden, cutting down on the real estate required to grow the tu-

bers. Festivities will round up with an interpretive nature walk at the Adventure Earth Centre in Flemming Park from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Groups will depart from the AEC in small groups for 45-minute walks, and then return to the AEC for local and organic refreshments. **ALEX BOULTIER/**

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PLEA A Belmont man accused of stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from three district health authorities has pleaded guilty to three charges. Cary Lee Hollett appeared in provincial court Monday on three counts of fraud over \$5,000. Late last year the Annapolis Valley, South Shore and South West Nova health authorities reported that \$400,000 was missing from their joint accounts. Hollett was employed as an accounts payable clerk at the time. He will be back in court July 21 for sentencing.

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Faster, bigger, stronger

Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon keeps growing, on pace for record numbers again

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The Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon is on pace for yet another registration record.

With this year's annual event still a month away, there are already 3,836 adults and 315 youth signed up, roughly 1,000 more than had registered at this time last year.

The Blue Nose has increased its numbers each year since 3,500 turned out for the inaugural run in 2004.

Last year, a record 8,073 participated.

"We were aiming for a total of 9,000 and we're well on our way," said Lauren Leal, co-chair of the event's marketing and communications committee.

"We're actually over target."

Leal said organizers aren't sure what caused the early success but suggested contributing factors could be the warm early April weather, extra marketing and a popular



Runners take off from the start line during last year's Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon. The Blue Nose has around 1,000 more runners signed up for the marathon compared to this point last year.

Facebook group with almost 2,000 members.

"It's very exciting and it's proving people in Halifax love to run and almost feel like they're missing out if they're not taking part," Leal said.

"We can't pinpoint what's causing the in-

crease but it's certainly incredible."

The youth run is on Saturday, May 22, in Halifax, while the half and full marathons and five- and 10-kilometre events will be held in Halifax and Dartmouth on Sunday, May 23.

Blue Nose

Marathon runners by year

- 2004: 3,500
- 2005: 5,200
- 2006: 6,300
- 2007: 7,000
- 2008: 7,800
- 2009: 8,073

Haligonian filmmaker headed to Cannes

FILM Up-and-coming Halifax filmmaker Noah Pink says he's "thrilled, humbled and excited" to take his 44-minute hip-hop movie ZedCrew to the Cannes International Film Festival next month.

Pink, 26, will screen the movie in the festival's Directors' Fortnight program, where Quebec wunderkind Xavier Dolan made a splash last year with *I Killed My Mother* (*J'ai tué ma mère*).

"Gosh ... I don't use the word 'awesome' lightly, but it's pretty awesome," Pink said in a telephone in-



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Filmmaker Noah Pink on the Cannes International Film Festival

terview.

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ZedCrew examines a group of urban Zambian hip-hop musicians trying to make it to New York City. When one of them, Hong (Alvin Fungo), can't get an entry visa, he finds

an alternative solution.

The genesis of the film came about as Pink was about to leave home to shoot a promotional documentary for an NGO in Zambia. He spotted a news story about six stowaways discovered arriving in Halifax.

He went on to shoot ZedCrew in Zambia last June.

Post-production was done in Halifax and a version of the movie was screened at the Atlantic Film Festival, but Pink says Cannes will be the "real premiere."

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Hold the salt, say health authorities

Canadian health authorities are exploring ways to reduce salt intake. Health Canada has a sodium working group comprising government and industry representatives that has been meeting on the issue. Last fall the group agreed to an interim goal to reduce the levels of sodium in the Canadian diet to 2,300 mg per person per day by 2016, based on reducing sodium consumption by five per cent each year. It is estimated Canadians currently ingest 3,400 mg of salt a day.

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News in brief

BOOZE The latest national figures suggest Canadian palates — at least when it comes to alcohol — are becoming somewhat more sophisticated. Beer and liquor stores and agencies sold \$19.4 billion worth of alcoholic beverages during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2009, three per cent more than in the previous year. Statistics Canada attributes the dollar growth to an increase in sales of imported spirits and beer compared with domestic products, and a one per cent average increase in the cost of alcoholic beverages.

POLICING The federal government ignores the fact that its law-and-order agenda means higher costs for local cops, the country's largest police association said yesterday. Charles Momy, president of the 41,000-member Canadian Police Association, said municipal police are being saddled with national issues on top of day-to-day crime, but get no extra cash.

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Congo Survivor's story



Honorine Kabuo, left, bids farewell to Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean following her visit to Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo, yesterday. Kabuo was attacked by rebels in 2001 while walking through the bush with her husband and two-year-old son. Both her husband and son were killed after she was raped by four men. She was slashed in the neck and had her pregnant stomach cut open but lives to tell of her now eight-year-old daughter she named Victory for her survival. Kabuo and her daughter both live with HIV contracted from rebels.

Mixed-race unions on rise: StatsCan

A new study says the number of mixed-race couples has risen considerably in Canada.

Numbers gleaned from the last census indicate there were 289,400 mixed unions in 2006, 33.1 per cent more than in 2001.

"As Canada's population becomes increasingly diverse, there are more opportunities for people to marry or form relationships with someone from a different ethno-cultural background," Statistics Canada said yesterday. "Mixed unions, including both mar-

ried and common-law couples, reflect one aspect of the diversity of families.

"They vary according to characteristics such as generational status of the spouses or partners, their birthplace and their particular visible-minority group."

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A Richmond Hill, Ont., woman has pleaded guilty to an accident dubbed the "Worst Parking Job Ever!" in a YouTube video. Tripta Kaushal, 62, was handed a \$500 fine yesterday for failing to report an accident after she drove her SUV over two other cars in a fitness centre parking lot. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hotel chain aims to create Good Neighbours

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Canada



Yesterday marked the launch of a unique, but worthwhile charitable initiative.

Called the Good Neighbours Challenge 2010, it was founded by Delta Hotels and Resorts as part of

the company's corporate social responsibility program and aims to raise \$1 million for various Canadian charities.

As part of the challenge, throughout 2010, Delta employees will volunteer 10,000 hours to charities and organizations in communities across the country with a focus on four key

areas — improving access to affordable housing, protecting the environment, supporting neighbourhood causes, and volunteering.

"This commitment is about supporting local organizations and neighbourhood causes," said Hank Stackhouse, Delta's president and CEO.

"It's also about volunteer-

ing in our own backyard to build a stronger community for everyone to share."

E-Talk host Ben Mulroney who attended yesterday morning's launch echoed that sentiment, saying: "Good neighbours are the foundation of any strong community. It's important to remember there are people in need right in our

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Aging systems put EI at risk: AG

TECHNOLOGY Tax refunds, EI and pension cheques could be at stake as government computer systems get old, the auditor general warns.

Despite the risk of failure in computers at major agencies, including the Canada Revenue Agency and the EI program, there's no overall plan in place to solve what is a multibillion-dollar problem.

Auditor General Sheila Fraser's latest report says many computer systems are still working, but as they age, many can't be updated and they get more expensive to operate.

The government has

known about the risks of aging systems for a decade, but still isn't putting enough money into up-to-date equipment and software, says the document.

"The most damaging risk is that an aging critical system could break down and prevent the government from delivering key services to the public — such as issuing income-tax refunds and employment insurance and pension cheques," said the report, released yesterday.

Stockwell Day, president of the Treasury Board, said departments are working on plans to replace the systems.

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News in brief

GUERGIS Conservatives in the riding of MP Helena Guergis are already chomping at the bit to run in her stead in the next federal election. The status of the Ontario MP for Simcoe-Grey remains in limbo since she was fired from the Tory caucus over allegations of offshore financial accounts and potential blackmail. A Simcoe-Grey Conservative association spokesman says members of the riding executive are getting calls "all the time" from people interested in the spot. But Paul Shaw says he and the riding executive are waiting to get marching orders from the party on when to hold the next candidate selection meeting.

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Somalian government backs off order

Somalia's government yesterday backed off an order to close down radio stations in the capital that had obeyed an Islamist militia's order to stop playing music. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World



Civil rights pioneer dies at 98

Dorothy Height, who as longtime president of the National Council of Negro Women was the leading female voice of the 1960s civil rights movement in the United States, died yesterday. She was 98. Height, who continued actively speaking out into her 90s, had been at Howard University Hospital in Washington for some time. Height was on the platform at the Lincoln Memorial, sitting only a few feet from Martin Luther King when he gave his famous "I have a dream" speech at the civil rights march on Washington in 1963. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sailors to recreate a storied journey

PACIFIC Four adventurers set sail in an open boat from the Pacific nation of Tonga in a bid to re-enact the epic 7,040-kilometre survival voyage of Captain William Bligh of HMS Bounty fame when he was cast adrift by mutineers in 1789. Bligh, widely acknowledged as an expert seaman, sailed a 14-metre open longboat with 18 crew from near Tonga to West Timor in 48 days, surviving by catching fish and seabirds and drinking rain water. The new expedition is sailing in a seven-metre, the Talisker Bounty. The team expects to take seven weeks to cover the distance. Led by Australian Don McIntyre, the expedition includes experienced Antarctic sailor David Bryce from Australia, Hong Kong businessman David Wilkinson, and 18-year-old Briton Christopher Wilde. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Philippines Dismay over decision



Catherine Nunez, right, breaks into tears after a press conference yesterday in Manila. Nunez, together with other relatives of slain journalists, expressed dismay on the justice secretary's decision to clear two members of the Ampatuan clan of charges they conspired in the massacre of 57 people.

News in brief

WASHINGTON The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a law yesterday aimed at banning videos that show graphic violence against animals, saying it violates the right to

free speech. The justices, voting 8-1, threw out the conviction of Robert Stevens, who was sentenced to three years for videos he made about dog fights. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Worst yet to come?

Second Icelandic volcano may be primed for eruption

For all the worldwide chaos that Iceland's volcano has already created, it may just be the opening act.

Scientists fear tremors at the Eyjafjallajökull volcano could trigger an even more dangerous eruption at the nearby Katla volcano — creating a worst-case scenario for the airline industry and travellers around the globe.

A Katla eruption would be 10 times stronger and shoot higher and larger plumes of ash into the air than its smaller neighbour, which has already brought European air travel to a standstill for five days and promises severe travel delays for days more.

The two volcanoes are side by side in southern Iceland, about 20 kilometres apart

Heathrow opens

London's Heathrow Airport reopened yesterday as air traffic across Europe lurched back to life.

and thought to be connected by a network of magma channels.

Katla, however, is buried under ice 500 metres thick — the massive Myrdalsjökull glacier, one of Iceland's largest. That means it has more than twice the amount of ice that the current eruption has burned through — threatening a new and possibly longer aviation standstill across Europe.

Páll Einarsson, professor of geophysics at the Institute of Earth Sciences at the University of Iceland, said one volcanic eruption sometimes causes a nearby volcano to explode, and Katla and Eyjafjallajökull have been active in tandem in the past. In fact, the last three times that Eyjafjallajökull erupted, Katla did as well. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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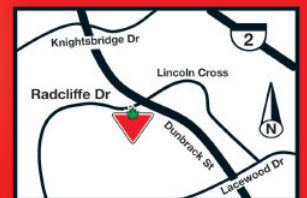
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Life can be obscured by clouds

TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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Can you say Eyjafjallajökull? Never mind. It's hard enough just spelling it.

The aforementioned Icelandic tongue tickler doesn't have the same electrifying verbal impact as Krakatoa or Vesuvius, both of which sound appropriately

volcanic.

Krakatoa, Katie, she weren't no lady, but Eyjafjallajökull has wreaked global havoc just the same, thanks to tonnes of volcanic ash it has unleashed into the atmosphere, shutting down flights over Europe. Turns out jet engines and grit don't go together.

In the last week, the cost of Eyjafjallajökull's eruption has been more than 9-11. The airline industry alone is losing \$200 million per day, never mind tourism, trade, financials and all of the industries that rely on intercontinen-

tal air travel to keep them going.

And as I write, that damn volcano is belching new clouds of ash into the atmosphere, releasing more carbon than the annual output of a mid-size European country like Sweden or Poland.

Remember when air travel was a glamorous adventure? Now, thanks to Eyjafjallajökull and al-Qaida, it's a black comedy set entirely in the "terminal," a word with chilling implications: If the volcano keeps going, as volcanoes do, it could shut down air travel for

years.

And what would that mean if we couldn't fly any more?

Civilization lapses back into the slow lane. Even the fastest train travels at less than half the speed of a commercial jet into a headwind.

It's difficult to imagine. No more strawberries from South America in January. We'd have to gnaw on roots from the cellar during those long winter months. Eat local ... or starve.

Distances become meaningful again as we are forced to relax into road

trips and slow boats to everywhere. Exotic locales become exotic again, and that includes Hawaii, Puerto Vallarta and Pismo Beach. We are forced, by necessity, to rediscover our own neighbourhoods and communities. All roads lead through Winnipeg, the Chicago of the North.

The recovery of the economy, which depends on the speed of sound for its bounce, lapses into a slow turnaround, and multinationals lose their prefixes. Web conferences turn convention centres and hotels into mausoleums. We plow

them up into urban gardens and grow parsnips to supplement our meagre meals.

How likely is this nightmare scenario? Not very. (Which is almost too bad: It has a dreamy dimension that's hard to deny.) At some point, the human enterprise will rise to the challenge and build a volcano-proof jet. But the lesson is clear: Don't discount Mother Nature just yet. She's full of hard-to-spell surprises.

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Word on the street: What are you doing to mark Earth Day tomorrow?

Eileen Harnish
Dartmouth

A: I haven't really planned it out yet. I'm more aware of things now like recycling. The way this world is changing you've got to be aware of that sort of thing nowadays.

Ernie Stuart
Halifax

A: I plan on going out and doing the basic things like not using power. I'm going to clean my house and do all my recycling that day. I'm also going to go out and enjoy the city, enjoy the sun — hopefully it's sunny.

Brittany Walker
Halifax

A: I'll be turning off all the lights and all the power. Just doing what you're supposed to do.

Brian Hoang
Ottawa

A: Now that I know about it, I'll probably plant a tree.

Kristen Kapy
Edmonton

A: I am going to take public transportation and maybe go outside if it's nice. I think it's important to try to save fuel on Earth Day.

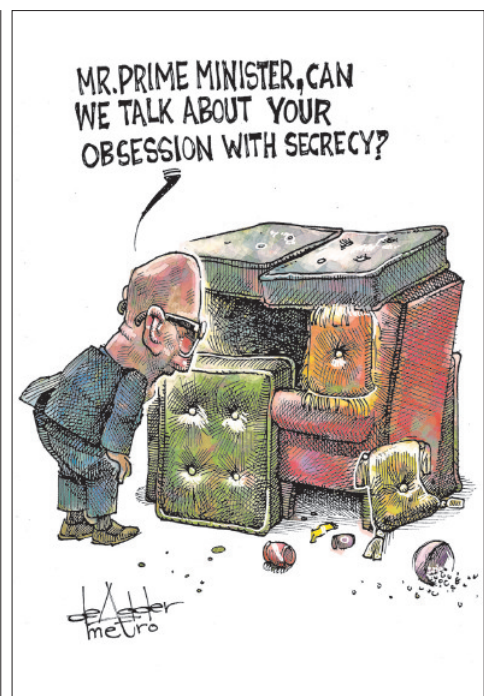
Sybor Wong
Vancouver

A: I'll be taking the bus. I usually don't switch the heat on and I'll turn off all my lights.



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Economy hurting sales of Harleys

Harley-Davidson Inc. said yesterday its first-quarter profit fell 72 per cent as sales of its high-end motorcycles remained sluggish. CEO Keith Wandell said the uncertain economy is likely to make business conditions challenging this year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Business

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Loonie's big leap

BoC spurs largest jump in months

The loonie posted its biggest single-day gain in nine months yesterday following a bullish economic forecast from Canada's central bank.

The Canadian dollar was up 1.58 cents at 100.12 cents US after the Bank of Canada signalled it may raise rates very soon — a move that would likely increase international demand for Canadian bonds and dollars.

Earlier, the loonie had gained as much as 1.76 cents to 100.30 cents US.

The central bank projected that Canada's economy will grow a faster-than-expected 3.7 per cent this year, and inflation will also move higher. In its last forecast in January, the bank said the economy would grow 2.9 per cent in 2010.

Because of the strong economic outlook, the Bank of Canada said it was withdrawing its conditional commitment to keep the

100.12

The Canadian dollar closed at 100.12 cents US yesterday after a gain of 1.58 cents US.

key lending rate at its current record low of 0.25 per cent until the end of June. That sets the stage for a quarter-point or even a half-point hike on June 1.

The Canadian dollar will remain strong as long as investors expect the bank to raise rates and tighten the money supply. But a high loonie could, in turn, force the bank to cut rates again later in the year, said Danielle Park of Venable Park Investment Counsel in Barrie, Ont.

"They started to hike (rates) in '02 and then had to backtrack because they realized the economy was not recovering as strongly as they'd hoped," Park said.

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Argentina 'No to the paper mill'



The International Criminal Court ruled yesterday that Uruguay did not breach its obligation to protect the environment by building a pulp mill on its side of a river that forms its border with Argentina. Protesters opposed to the Finnish-built mill had gathered in Argentina to listen to the court's decision.

Business in brief

RECOVERY The world's banks could be spared billions in losses thanks to a global economy that is recovering from the financial meltdown more quickly than initially expected.

The International Monetary Fund forecasts global bank losses from the crisis will be \$2.28 trillion US, a drop of \$533 billion from an estimate last October.

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OILSANDS Conservation groups say Alberta is backing away from a proposal to force energy companies to restore

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Babbitt enters NBA draft

Nevada sophomore Luke Babbitt has hired an agent and is forgoing his final two years of eligibility to enter the 2010 NBA draft. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Sidney Crosby of the Pittsburgh Penguins tries to carry the puck to the front of the net with Chris Campoli of the Ottawa Senators in pursuit last night at Scotiabank Place. Pittsburgh won 7-4.

Crosby show has Senators on brink

(Pittsburgh leads series 3-1)

Penguins 7 Senators 4



Sidney Crosby continued his dominance over the Ottawa Senators with two goals and two assists last night and his Pittsburgh Penguins took a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference quarter-final series with a 7-4 victory.

Crosby now has 11 points in four games in the best-of-seven series and, in large part because of his efforts, the Penguins have a chance to eliminate the Senators at home tomorrow night.

Evgeni Malkin, on the power play, and Matt

Cooke joined Crosby on the scoresheet as the Penguins jumped out to a 4-0 lead before a sellout crowd of 20,014 at Scotiabank Place, which may have just witnessed their final game in the building for the season.

Those four goals came on 19 shots against Senators starting goaltender Brian Elliott, who made way for Pascal Leclaire following Crosby's second goal early in the second period.

Although the Senators attempted to get back into the game with the help of their power play, they couldn't avoid being pushed to the brink by the reigning Stanley Cup champions.

Chris Kunitz added a goal and three assists,

Maxime Talbot had a goal and an assist and Jordan Staal also scored for the Penguins, who received 26 saves from Marc-Andre Fleury.

Sergei Gonchar chipped in with three helpers.

Matt Cullen scored once and set up two goals for the Senators, who managed a couple of power-play markers during 5-on-3 advantages.

Daniel Alfredsson and Jason Spezza, who've both come under fire for their lack of production so far in the series, each had their first goals and an assist and Chris Neil also scored.

Pascal Leclaire saw his first playoff action in relief of Elliott and stopped 19 of 22 shots the rest of the way.

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Red Wings pull even with Coyotes

(Series tied 2-2)

Coyotes 0 Red Wings 3



Jimmy Howard had a 29-save shutout and Henrik Zetterberg scored two goals to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-0 series-evening victory over the

Phoenix Coyotes in Game 4 last night.

Howard's saves included one without his helmet.

Phoenix will be at home Friday night, but has to return to Detroit for Game 6 on Sunday.

Zetterberg's first goal stood after a video review, which didn't help the Red Wings get a call changed in their favour earlier.

Replays appeared to show Valtteri Filppula got a puck past the goal line before it bounced on it, lighting the lamp. A video review upheld the on-ice decision to wave off the goal. It turned out to be moot.

Pavel Datsyuk also scored for Detroit.

Ilya Bryzgalov made 32 saves for the Coyotes.

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A consortium of industry and public-sector partners will soon unveil plans for a state-of-the-art mining academy in Flin Flon, Man. Sources say the Northern Manitoba Mining Academy may include the latest technology in automated underground mining equipment simulators previously unavailable in the province. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Workology

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Grad time tied to resources

A new study from the U.S.-based National Bureau of Economic Research suggests that the increase in the length of time needed to complete a baccalaureate degree in recent decades is concentrated among students who enrol at less competitive 4-year institutions and at community colleges. Results suggest that declines in collegiate resources in the less-selective public sector increased degree-completion time. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

To earn now or learn for later?

The number of graduate students on the rise, as youth employment rate declines

JON TATTIE
for Metro Halifax



The last few years have seen a decline in employment among young Canadians almost matched by a rise in enrolment in graduate school, according to Statistics Canada figures.

The number of grad students rose by five percentage points in the 2007/2008 academic year and the employment rate among Canadians aged 15 to 24 declined by 8.7 percentage points between 2008 and 2009.

David Ablett, a financial planner with Investors Group in Winnipeg, says

"Investing in education can be lucrative, but it is a big financial commitment and the decision needs to be weighed along with other life goals."

David Ablett, Investors Group

people should weigh the investment required for upgrading education against the likely benefits. "Grad school can offer career opportunity, personal growth, fulfillment and achievement. It can also leave you in considerable debt," says Ablett. "When weighing the options, it's best to understand the ways you'll finance your decision."

He cites Stats Can figures for 2005 saying the

average income for a person with a bachelors degree was \$58,767. For a grad degree, that rose 18 per cent to \$69,230. Over a 30-year working period, that would equal an earnings boost of about \$313,890.

An MBA costs about \$50,000 on average and an EMBA (executive MBA) about \$90,000. If a student had to borrow the entire cost, a debt of \$50,000 would take 15 years of

\$400-a-month payments at five per cent interest to clear.

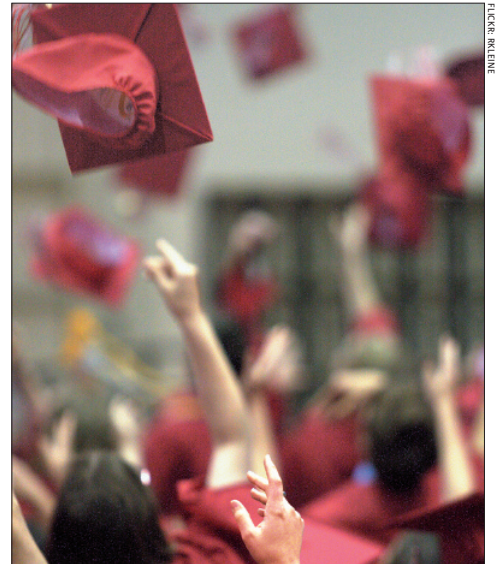
Further education also takes you out of the workforce for a number of years, costing several years' salary.

"Investing in education can be lucrative, but it is a big financial commitment and the decision needs to be weighed along with other life goals like owning a home, providing for a family and your retirement," Ablett says.

Would-be students in the workforce have advantages, he adds. They might have enough in savings to pay for all or part of their educational upgrade, including money drawn from RRSPs via tax-free withdrawals with the life-long learning program.

"You can take out up to \$20,000 over a four-year period. Once you've finished your course of study, you've got ten years to make the repayments to your plan," he says.

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University graduates have a tough decision whether to get a job and earn income or aim for a post-grad program.

duced a couple of years ago to sock away savings for future studies.

Potential students should also check out what bursaries and grants

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Metro Drive

Fresh air on wheels

A Chinese car is turning the laws of physics over its head. The Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp. has come up with the Ye Zi concept that runs on renewable energy and somehow emits oxygen, making it the world's first "carbon negative" car. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Versa shows class

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada



When it came to entry-level cars, there used to be only a couple that were really worth the money.

The rest were playing off either their low price or buyers' ignorance about just how nice a car you can get for very little money.

In 2010, that ratio has virtually flipped, with an increasing number of hits and much fewer misses. And it seems like nearly every week there's some other company trying to break in.

Nissan has generally been on the "inside" with its small offerings, but this is especially true with its entry-level Versa.

Although it hasn't

2010 Nissan Versa

Type: Compact sedan/hatchback
Price: from \$14,918
Engine: 1.6L/1.8L
Fuel Economy: 7.9/6.3L/100km (city/hwy)

Highlights

- Modern interiors
- Generous leg room for back-seat passengers
- Affordable price
- Capable handling

changed much in the three years since its launch, it remains an impressive lesson in packaging.

Somehow, Nissan managed to carve out a relatively grand interior from a modestly sized body. The design is hit-or-miss,

though. The five-door hatch is pert, if not pretty, but the four-door sedan is awkward and best forgotten.

While there is a four-door door-crasher special with a less powerful 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine, starting with the hatchback improves things considerably.

Using a 122-hp 1.8-litre engine, the Versa is not a rocket, but using the six-speed manual transmission means it's easy to control.

The optional continuously variable transmission (CVT) isn't horrible if you can't or won't drive a stick. Fuel mileage is good given its competition at 7.9/6.3 L/100 km (city/hwy), so you'll stretch out your dollar between fill-ups.

Get behind the wheel,



Inside, the Nissan Versa boasts a simple, modern cabin with easy-to-reach controls and legible instruments.

able, and good gearing means it doesn't inspire panic during passing manoeuvres. The brakes are capable but wouldn't be up for track work...

The best part is that Versa starts at a very reasonable \$14,198 although if you bring straight cash, you can get into a no-option sedan for four figures.

Nissan's biggest problem? That the Versa is so good at its job that the current one-size-up Sentra still can't deliver a solid reason why anyone should spend the extra money.

and you're presented with a simple, modern cabin with easy-to-reach controls and legible instruments. You always feel perched in the driver's seat, the better to maximize interior space.

Rear-seat passengers aren't ignored either, with generous leg room. Cargo

space is limited, but there's room for groceries or other sundries.

Get out on the road, and the little Nissan's manners are comfortable, but not especially sporty. It doesn't flop like a fish, but it's no corner carver.

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Stepping back through time

Denmark village gives tourists a taste of Iron Age living

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

It sounds like a vacation designed by kids — playing outside in the sun, with random farmyard animals to torment, swimming in lakes, sleeping under the stars and absolutely no baths.

For a week, which is weird because this is the Iron Age Village at Lejre, in Denmark — an experimental archaeology centre set in 100 breathtakingly beautiful acres. It's basically the Stone Age, Iron Age, or Viking era here and you're thrown into it with a pretty much sink or swim attitude.

Lejre is a living museum and for a week you are ex-



Set on a 100 acre lot, this archeological experiment is full of lush landscapes.

pected to wear the clothes, do the work and live the lifestyle of our 2000-year-old ancestors — often to the bemusement of other visiting Danish tourists.

But don't get bent out of shape, failing is part of the fun. And, after the initial culture shock, the whole

experience makes your modern family entertainment options seem impossibly tame in comparison. You will share your time with about 25 others as you walk on bare earth, sleep on sheepskins and bathe in the lake.

Your toilet? It will be a

hole in the ground — try not to make a mess.

You will work four or five hours a day forging iron, weaving rope, grinding flour, fetching water — whatever needs doing to make the village run you will be doing it.

Hard labour may not seem like much fun but as you lose your self in the era you will begin to love that too. Because this is not just another whacky camping trip but both a valuable experiment and a real conduit to another era — one with no TV, no media, and no deadlines other than sunrise and sunset.

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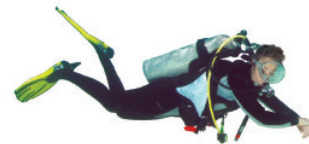
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Island hopping Sweden

See Stockholm's gems by boat

JESSICA CARLSON
Metro World News



Stockholm is built on 14 islands and has a vast archipelago, easily accessible and with a broad range of activities.

You can cruise it in style, and splurge on seafood on-board or at top end restaurants on islands Oaxen and Grinda.

You can island-hop budget style on the white boats that crisscross the 24,000 islands — from Landsort in the south to Örskär in the north and Svenska Högar in the east — or experience the beauty and serenity of Stockholm's archipelago paddling in a

kayak.

The unique Swedish law Allemansrätten — the Right of Public Access — gives everyone wide rights to roam and camp even on privately owned land.

Day-trips to islands Finnhamn or Grinda are perfect for swimming (and jumping from the cliffs), fishing and lovely walks.

There are well-serviced youth hostels on these and many other islands.

Advanced bookings are advised especially around Midsummer in late June — a holiday when every Stockholmer who can will go to the archipelago.

The water gets warm enough for a dip reaching temperatures around 18-

Must see islands



1 Grinda: The boat trip here takes about two hours. There are beaches and rocks to swim from, a hostel, good restaurant and lovely nature to explore. Good fishing

2 Finnhamn: There are forests with great walks and you can find your own cliff to sunbathe on watching the sailboats cruise past

3 Sandhamn: Here's where sailors congregate at the Royal Swedish Yacht Club and there's a lot of partying in the summer. Enjoy the village and then walk through the forest to the glorious beach

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Park and Recreation's Aziz Ansari will host the 2010 MTV Movie Awards. "I'm so happy Ronnie from Jersey Shore was unavailable and this exciting opportunity was able to come my way," Ansari said. TVGUIDE.COM

Oceans come to life

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Four years in the making with an unprecedented scale of production, Disney's latest nature feature *Oceans* is an extraordinary technical achievement.

Audiences are treated to remarkable images of undersea life that have never been seen before because the technology and resources to capture the footage didn't exist.

When the movie opens on Earth Day, cinema screens will be filled with stunning high-definition images of blue whales, dolphins, sharks, and other oceanic favourites in a scope that will demand jaws to drop.

It's a cinematic experience that has never quite been delivered before, just ask Rob Stewart a longtime Canadian underwater photographer and director of the Oscar-nominated documentary *Sharkwater*.

"I honestly felt a little divided between jealousy and excitement about what was achieved," Stewart told Metro. "They lived our (dream): To be able to spend as much time underwater as you want with the best camera technology in every ocean on the planet to deliver the majesty of this world to the public in a new way."

Stewart was able to spend time on the set of *Oceans* and admits to being blown away by the scale of the pro-

duction that co-directors Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud (*Winged Migration*) had assembled. Stewart describes the filming process as being "radically different" from anything he'd seen before.

"The way I made a movie was with one camera, two assistants and me. They had between 20 and 30 people on set with joystick cameras, remote control vehicles, and robots with cameras built into them. They basically took the best of the technology from the surface and make it available underwater" revealed the director.

"It was a totally different way of shooting and that's why they got these images that are perfect, crisp, and

beautiful."

Oceans might expand the possibilities of what can be done in this medium in the future, but it's not simply a technical exercise. The movie also sends a strong message about the importance of conservation, featuring some sobering satellite images of pollution flooding into the oceans.

"The satellite images show pollution run off from agriculture, fertilizers, and nitrates have caused dead zones in the oceans. These are areas with no life whatsoever. There are over 400 dead zones in the oceans including one that takes up most of the Gulf of Mexico," explained Stewart.

"That's why the movie *Oceans* is so important. To the general public the oceans are out of sight and



Oceans is an extraordinary technical achievement for Disney.

out of mind. They don't know that 90 per cent of life on Earth lives in the oceans or that oceans give us 70 per cent of the oxygen in the air that we breathe.

"So, to bring people the majesty of the life underwater is going to give them an appreciation for these animals and make them care about the fact that they are being destroyed."

It's a strong and impor-

tant message that will hopefully raise awareness for such environmental concerns.

Audiences who see the film during the first week of release will actually help the cause as a portion of the proceeds will be donated to ocean conservation. Just think, you can actually help the environment from the comfort of an air conditioned movie theater.

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Alex O'Loughlin has become a regular presence on TV screens with work on *The Shield*, *Moonlight* and *Three Rivers* — and he just finished filming the pilot for a remake of *Hawaii 5-0*.

But the hardworking Australian actor is no stranger to movie screens either. In his latest, the romantic comedy *The Back-Up Plan*, he goes toe-to-toe with none other than Jennifer Lopez. O'Loughlin sat down with Metro to talk about working with J.Lo, film versus television and his undying love for vampires.

Q What was it like going up against J.Lo?

A It was fantastic. It's funny when you word it like that, going up against her. It's like, yeah I guess I sort of was in a way. But it never felt like that. She's a pro, she's completely approachable. I mean, we met and became buds before we did the thing, so by the time it was first day on set, cameras rolling, we were like old mates, which is great.



Alex O'Loughlin and Jennifer Lopez cozy up in *The Back-Up Plan* opening Friday.

Q How exactly did you bond before filming?

A I flew up and met her and Mark and the kids at their house in Long Island and just hung out. You know, you meet people in life and you either have chemistry or you don't. I think as an Aussie and just who I am as a person, humour is a really important part of my life. My mates and I are always giving each other a hard time and breaking balls. When I get to know someone, if I'm interested in them as a person, I sort of do a bit of that. I just test the waters a bit.

Q Do you have a preference between playing heroes and villains?

A I really like playing villains. It feels to me like — and this isn't to say that I've ever done anything clever or talented in my career yet — but I feel like when I'm playing a villain, I can get away with a lot more. You go like, "Hey, listen, what if this guy had a tattoo on his face?" And the director's like, "Yeah! That's f—ing evil!" But as the hero, you're like, "Hey, can we...?" "No! You're the hero. Just look and smile." And that's a ridiculous sort of stereotypical response, but I just feel freer when I'm a villain.

Q How about a preference between working in film and television?

A Well, film. I don't know who would prefer television over film. The only good thing about TV is it's a steady paycheck. That's not true ... but look at me, dude. I just finished a pilot. I'm beat. You do 15, 16-hour days every day. You've got to churn the work out.

'Dancing' to the beat

Stars may be amateurs, but DWTS band is all pro

Three hours until showtime. The Dancing With the Stars ballroom is empty except for the hosts, the dancers and the band.

The professional dancers and their celebrity partners — already in costumes and makeup — have been rehearsing their routines for almost a week. The 18-member orchestra, on the other hand, just saw the night's music and in just a few hours, they'll be playing the music for the first time in front of millions.

On today's playlist? Lady Gaga, Louis Armstrong, the Bangles, Cole Porter, a song in Spanish and a show tune from Chicago.

Musical director Harold Wheeler is in his trailer, just outside the studio. "We don't rehearse until (show day)," he says. "That's why it's a great orchestra."

Wheeler, a Broadway



Bachelor Jake Pavelka moves to the beat of the DWTS band.

veteran, has been playing with the same group of musicians for more than a decade. The 66-year-old composer and conductor brings them along on his various gigs, which include movie and TV soundtracks and, this year, performing at the Acade-

my Awards. When they're not working with Wheeler, all are studio musicians for hire. The same goes for the singers.

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	32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Old Christine	Accidentally	Criminal Minds "100"	CSI: NY
	69	69	69	CFTM	TVA nouvelles	Le Cercle (SC)	Poulet-ouf or	Les Gags (SC)	En route vers le gala Artis (N)	Dr. House (SC)	Dr. House (SC)	TVA nouvelles
	6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Melrose Place	Access H.	Bones (HDTV PA) (N)	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	Kitchen Nightmares (N)	News Final (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Access H.	CSI: NY "Battle Scars"	American Idol	The contestants raise money for charity.	American Idol	The contestants raise money for charity.	CTV News
	10	10	10	ELTV	Swap Shop (Live)	Swap Shop (Live)	Fuelin' Around	Au Natural (N)	Doc Talk (N)	Fuelin' Around	Eastern Tide	Comm. Matters
	36	36	36	FOX	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	American Idol	The contestants raise money for charity.	American Idol	Fox First
news	12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Access H.	Extra (N)	Mercy (HDTV) (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order
	29	29	29	NW	(6) Power & Politics	The Lang & O'Leary Exchange	The Lang & O'Leary Exchange	Connect with Mark Kelley (N)	Connect with Mark Kelley (N)	CBC News: The National	CBC News: The National	National
	4	4	4	PBS-B	PBS NewsHour (N)	Greater Boston	This Old H'se	Through a Dog's Eyes (N)	Through a Dog's Eyes (N)	P.O.V. The food industry in America. (N)	P.O.V. The food industry in America. (N)	National
	35	35	35	PBS-D	PBS NewsHour (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business Rpt.	Green Jobs	Building the Mighty Mac	Building the Mighty Mac	Building the Mighty Mac	Great Lakes
	68	68	68	TQS	Guerre clans	Atomes croch	Big Brother QC	Veuux-tu m'ép	Wipeout (N) (SC)	True Blood (N) (SC)	True Blood (N) (SC)	L'Attaque à 5
	23	96	96	BNN	Business News	Business News	Market Call Tonight	The Close	Market Call	Squeeze Play	Squeeze Play	Business News
	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz	Situation Room-Wolf Blitz	John King, USA (N)	Campbell Brown (N)	Campbell Brown (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Larry King Live (N)	Cooper 360
	54	54	54	GOLF	Golf Central	Play Lessons	19th Hole (HDTV) (Live)	A Gentleman's Game ** (2001, Drama)	A Gentleman's Game ** (2001, Drama)	Mason Gamble.	Mason Gamble.	John Daly
	52	52	52	RSE	Connected W-Prime Time	Connected W-Prime Time	The Grid	UEFA Champions	League Soccer	League Soccer	League Soccer	Sportsnet Con.
	55	55	55	SCOR	HSR	Covers Experts	NBA Basketball	Teams TBA. (Live)	Score Now	Score Now	Score Now	Score Now
sports	45	45	45	SPD	Barrett-Jackson	Barrett-Jackson	NASCAR Smart	NASCAR Hub	Racing Chef	NASCAR	NASCAR Hall of Fame (N)	Pass Time
	53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)	Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)	Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)	Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)	Montreal Canadiens. (HDTV) (Live)	SportsCentre
	43	43	43	FAM	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Sonny Chance	Suite Life	Overruled!	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Ned's School
	44	44	44	TOON	Jimmy Two	Johnny Test	Johnny Test	Total Drama	6TEEN	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	American Dad
	26	26	26	TREE	Guess-Jess	3rd and Bird	Backyardigans	Night Garden	Waybuloo	Toopy & Binoo	Franklin	Little Bear
	27	27	27	TYV	ICarly	To Be Indie	That's-Weird	Family Biz	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	To Be Indie
	16	16	16	A&E	The First 48 "Torched"	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Criminal Minds (HDTV)	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter
	70	70	70	APTN	APTN National News (N)	Investigates	Our Home and Native Land	Down2Earth	Mighty River	Mighty River	Mighty River	Canadian Geographic
	50	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live RayJ; Brandy. (Live)	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live RayJ; Brandy. (Live)	Doing Hard Time (2004, Crime Drama)	Boris Kodjoe.	Boris Kodjoe.	Boris Kodjoe.	Boris Kodjoe.	The Game
	37	37	37	BRVO	Emily of New Moon	From the Spirit	BravoVideos	Arts & Minds	O'Reagan Files	Wingfield	Star Portraits	White Collar
family	25	25	25	CMT	The Show (N)	Totally	Amer. Funniest Home Videos	Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According-Jim	Home Improve.
	49	49	49	COM	Just for Laughs	Just for Laughs	Air Force	22 Minutes	Cornier Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	Lucky Louie
	153	153	153	COURT	Situation Critical	Situation Critical	Killer Next Door	Criminal Mind	Dumb Criminal	Declassified	Declassified	Killer, Door
	38	38	38	DISC	Canada's Worst Driver	Canada's Worst Driver	Daily Planet (N)	I Could Do	I Could Do	Deadliest Catch "Slow Burn"	Deadliest Catch "Slow Burn"	Mayday
	34	34	34	HGTV	Extreme Makeover: Home	Extreme Makeover: Home	House Hunters	For Rent	Agent-Agent	Property Shop	Property Shop	House Hunters
	46	46	46	HIST	Dive Detectives (N)	Dive Detectives (N)	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Nostradamus Effect	Ice Road Truckers (HDTV) (N)	Ice Road Truckers (HDTV) (N)	Ice Pilots NWT
	17	17	17	MM	Buff the Vampire Slayer	Buff the Vampire Slayer	America's Best Dance Crew	disBAND	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Family Jewels
	19	19	19	MMM	mmtop10.ca	mmtop10.ca	The Daily Fix	Ranked!	Ranked!	Ranked!	Ranked!	Family Jewels
	201	201	201	M1	(6:15) Leatherheads	(6:15) Leatherheads	(8:15) Fakers (2010, Drama)	Greydon Holt, Alexia Fast.	Seven Pounds ** (2008, Drama)	Seven Pounds ** (2008, Drama)	Seven Pounds ** (2008, Drama)	Seinfeld
	48	48	48	OLN	Mantracker	Mantracker	Ghost Hunters Academy	Destination Truth	Destination Truth	Destination Truth	Destination Truth	Ghost Hunters
cable variety	51	51	51	PEACH	Friends	Seinfeld	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.	Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.	Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.	Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.	Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.	Seinfeld
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:40) Sweet and Lowdown (1999)	(6:40) Sweet and Lowdown (1999)	(8:20) High Adventure (2001, Action)	Jeepers Creepers 2 ** (2003, Horror)	Jeepers Creepers 2 ** (2003, Horror)	Jeepers Creepers 2 ** (2003, Horror)	Jeepers Creepers 2 ** (2003, Horror)	Seinfeld
	67	67	67	RDI	RDI monde	RDI monde	24 Heures en 60 minutes	Grands reportages (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)	RDI économie
	39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Relic Hunter	I Me Wed (2007, Romance-Comedy)	Erica Durance.	Erica Durance.	Erica Durance.	Secret Diary
	40	40	40	SLICE	Til Debt-Part	Wedding SOS	Rich Bride Poor Bride	In Laws	In-Laws	End/Leash	End/Leash	End of Leash
	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1	Stargate SG-1	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)	Star Trek: Voyager	Chuck (HDTV)	Chuck (HDTV)	Chuck (HDTV)	Supernatural
	14	14	14	SPIKE	The Unit (HDTV)	The Unit (HDTV)	The Unit "Two Coins"	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed	Ultimate Fight
	97	97	97	STAR	etalk	TMZ (N)	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)	The View (HDTV) (N)	The View (HDTV) (N)	Dr. Oz Show
	21	21	21	TLC	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Addicted "Jeremy"	Strange Sex (HDTV)	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Addicted
	56	56	56	TROP	Project Runway Canada	Project Runway Canada	Dog Whisperer	Hoards	Hoards	Hoards	Hoards	Parking Wars
cable variety	20	20	20	TVS	Que.-champion	Journal de Fr2	Verdict	Un ticket pour l'espace (2006, Comédie)	Papa à moi	Papa à moi	Papa à moi	J'y suis, j'y
	28	28	28	V	Emily of New Moon	Emily of New Moon	Murder, She Wrote	No Place Like	Open All Hours	Kingdom	Kingdom	Unscripted (N)
	60	60	60	VIVA	Mediums	Encounters	Cold Case "Wings"	Missing	Medium	Medium	Medium	Cold Case
	22	22	22	W	House-Sell	House-Sell	Supernanny	Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Cupcake Girls	Cupcake Girls	Between Truth
	251	251	251	WGN	WGN Evening News	WGN Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model (N)	Fly Girls	High Society	WGN News

Just days before Valerie Bertinelli turns 50 Friday, she achieved another personal goal: finishing the Boston Marathon. Bertinelli told People — just after running the 26.2-mile race, her first marathon, in 5:14:37 — “I feel euphoric.” **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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CelebTweets

DAVID ARCHULETA didn't expect to be spotted at a gay bar, **JIM CARREY** isn't a fan of gossip, and **SARAH SILVERMAN** is asking the tough questions.

@DavidArchie Mental note to self: always ask where before you go! Wasn't my kind of place lol, and I had no clue! I guess you live and learn.

@JimCarrey Watching and reading gossip is like eating somethin' greasy. Fun at first but afterwards u feel gross. It seems 2 drain your vitality.

@SarahSilverman Why aren't hair elastics allowed in movies or TV? Must every ponytail be wrapped in hair??

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Ringless Bullock comes out of hiding

LEAVE SANDRA ALONE! Sandra Bullock emerged from hiding again — and her wedding ring was nowhere in sight, people.com reports.

During its Monday night broadcast, Entertainment Tonight showed a photograph of the star taking a hike in Northern California. In the snap reportedly taken last Friday, a somber looking Bullock wears a hat and scarf and little makeup.

Noticeably missing from

her left hand: The vintage platinum band with interlocking diamonds she has worn since wedding to Jesse James nearly five years ago.

Bullock, 45, has only been seen once before in public since her husband's cheating scandal erupted

in early March. (Since Michelle “Bombshell” McGee claimed an 11-month affair with James, four other women have come forward claiming involvement with the motorcycle mogul. James, 41, is said to be seeking treatment at an undisclosed facility.) On

March 31, the Oscar winner — concealed by a floppy green hat and umbrella-bearing assistants — briefly left her Hollywood Hills home to visit the Beverly Hills home of her friend, investor Gabriel Brenner.

How is she doing now? “She is devastated but being methodical and trying to make the right decision about what to do next,” a Bullock source says in the latest issue of Us Weekly.

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Kardashian: Mom told me to pose nude

GOOD OLD FASHIONED FAMILY VALUES Kim Kardashian only posed for Playboy because her mother told her to, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The socialite admits she regrets baring all for the publication in December 2007, but was urged to do so by mother Kris Jenner to promote their Keeping Up with the Kardashians TV programme.

“Go for it,” my mother said, “They might never ask you again. Our show isn’t on the air yet. No one knows who you are. Do it and you’ll have these beautiful pictures to look at when you’re my age,” she said.

However, posing in another naked shoot for Harper’s Bazaar, the 29-year-old beauty admits she feels more comfortable this time around.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Oprah jokes about bio

IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM ... Oprah Winfrey has finally addressed the allegations in Kitty Kelley’s new unauthorized biography of the media

queen. While presenting an award to Gayle King at the New York Women in Communications Mat-

Awards, the last week “was a rough one” for King because the pal “sometimes cares more about my life than I do.”

Winfrey joked, “Gayle got herself worked up with all my new dad-dies coming out,” referencing the book’s claim that Vernon Winfrey isn’t her real father.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Gibson’s baby mama playing coy about split

HEY - SHE’S GOT A FIFTEENTH MINUTE TO EXTEND, FOLKS Oksana Grigorieva is being coy about why she and Mel Gibson really split up, but she will say there’s more to it than what’s been reported.

“I can tell you that ... we have split up, suddenly and recently,” Grigorieva said at a press confer-

ence in Moscow. “Unfortunately, I cannot give you the reason. But you will find out everything quite soon.” She also divulged that she’s planning to get the hammer-

and-sickle tattoo on her ankle that Gibson suggested removed.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Elin snaps up pricey real estate

GO 'HEAD GIRL, SPEND THAT CASH

Elin Nordegren’s recent purchase of a \$2 million home in Sweden have some speculating that the salvaging of her marriage to Tiger Woods isn’t going so well, but sources close to the couple insist Nordegren won’t be taking the kids all the way

to Europe.

“No way would Tiger let Elin leave the U.S.A. with his children. You can say whatever you want about Tiger as a husband, but he has always been a great father,” a source tells Popeater. “He knows his marriage is probably over, but he will never give up on those kids. They mean the world to him.”

METRO WORLD NEWS

Ex-action star fights allegations

EXCEPT THERE’S NO SCRIPT FOR THIS ONE, RAMBO

Stephen Seagal isn’t taking his former assistant’s allegations of sexual harassment and sex trafficking lying down.

The former action star plans to counter Kayden Nguyen’s lawsuit with his own suit for breaching their confidentiality agreement, according to Radar Online.

Seagal’s lawyer also claims that Nguyen was initially let go because of illegal activities. Nguyen’s suit claims he treated the young woman as a personal “sex toy,” among other charges, including claims that he kept two young Russian female attendants on staff as “sex slaves”.

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